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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

An advertisement in the Las Vegas Review Journal invites citizens to register their comments with your office.

I am extremely opposed to high-level of radioactive waste being stored at Yucca Mountain. The pristine environment from the time of the pioneers would be contaminated, and the wonderful beauty of the Great Basin area would hide a form of insidiousness simply beyond comprehension. The water, the air, the whole environment which the whole area depends upon for economic, recreational, and habitable uses could become compromised by any dumping whatsoever at this proposed site.

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Since the heyday of atomic energy, this issue has been debated ad nauseum. It is time for this country to take a stand and to develop clean, renewable energy a mainstay of our economic and energy future as a country.

Hybrid energy cars (using a combination of natural gas, electric or gasoline), government sanctioned solar and windmills may provide a viable solution for our energy needs.

Until such time energy needs become renewable an all too important priority must be made to solve the long-range problem of nuclear waste disposal.

Neither the government nor private agencies has the right to endanger the lives of its citizens. Indeed, the hallowed document, the United States Declaration of Independence states: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator by certain unalienable rights which are life, liberty, and pursuit happiness."

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This ideal would be in conflict with the proposed actions of dumping nuclear waste at the site in question. No absolute guarantee exists that the proposed dumping will be totally harmless to the immediate environment. Further until there is an iron-clad solution for disposing nuclear waste in this country, the country should set a moratorium in order to explore this issue in further detail in scope and exhaustively and pain-staking detail. The rights of its citizens depend on it.

Sincerely yours,

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